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FROM THE DESK OF THE STATE LIBRARIAN......The start of a New Year is always a good time for reflection, looking back over the previous 12 months to assess what one has accomplished. It is also a good time to set goals for the next 365 days. 2002 has been a busy year for the N.H. State Library. A contract was signed with epixtech for a new web-based N.H. Union Catalog. With the help of a stakeholders' committee, we examined a number of systems and chose epixtech, not because it was the least expensive, but because it best served the needs of the New Hampshire library community. Once the system was chosen, the Network Services Section of the State Library worked to make the system fulfill its promise of a new, more powerful tool to assist libraries to serve the needs of their patrons. Launched in November 2002, this system is helping libraries do their work better, all of the problems are not worked out yet, but each day things improve.

A year ago the State Library mounted a very successful exhibit of World War Two posters to commemorate the sixtieth anniversary of the bombing of Pearl Harbor by the Japanese. The sixty posters chosen form a collection of over two hundred that show the unity of the country during the war. Although the exhibit was planned before the 9/11 tragedy, the posters added meaning to generations that did not live through the war. We were very pleased to have so many World War Two veterans see the exhibit. Many expressed their gratitude that we used our collections to honor them. The exhibit also served as a backdrop for a kick off campaign to refurbish and expand the veteran's cemetery in Boscawen, N.H.

In the summer of 2002, new furniture was installed in the lobby of the State Library to improve the appearance of the public area of the building. The replacement of lighting and new carpeting were the start of a general move to improve the environment of the building. Two big moves to improve the building as a storage facility for paper collections of valuable material came this year as well. The installation of a sprinkler system and the expansion of the archives room to protect our rarest items.

The New Year also brings a new Governor to Concord. Governor Craig Benson was inaugurated on January 9, 2003. In his address to the joint session of the New Hampshire legislation, he spoke of looking for new ways to serve the citizens of New Hampshire. The State Library is anxious to use the new technology to provide the citizens of the state with the information they need. A detailed annual report for the State Library will be posted to the State Library website soon.

-Michael York, State Librarian

NEW HAMPSHIRE LIBRARIES RECEIVE TECHNOLOGY GRANTS FROM BILL & MELINDA GATES FOUNDATION

State Librarian Michael York reports that 34 libraries in New Hampshire have received technology grants from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. The cumulative amount of \$428,088 has been awarded in the form of computers, software, and accessories. The Foundation will also supply training and one year of technical support.

The grants are part of the foundation's U.S. Library Program, which is working to increase computer, Internet, and digital access to low-income patrons. "Although New Hampshire ranks second in the nation in households with computer access, 10% of children in the state live in abject poverty and do not have computers at home. This grant is a very important supplement in providing public libraries access since public libraries receive all of their funding on the local level," said Janet Eklund, State Library Administrator, who serves as contact person for the program.

"We greatly appreciate the assistance that the foundation is providing to New Hampshire libraries," said York. "This generous gift will help many of our libraries provide Internet access to their patrons. Furthermore, the state-of-the-art training lab New Hampshire receives will greatly enhance technology education opportunities for librarians."

The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation has committed \$250 million to public libraries nationwide and expects to provide 40,000 computers to nearly 10,000 libraries by the end of 2003. The program, which started in 1998, prioritized states based on per capita income. New Hampshire is part of the fourth round of applications.

NEW LIS MATERIALS AT THE STATE LIBRARY

Attracting, educating and serving remote users through the Web: a how-to-do-it manual for librarians. Edited by Donnelyn Curtis - New York: Neal-Schuman Publishers, 2002. ISBN 1555704360

Basic skills for library trustees [videorecording]. Produced by the Idaho State Library by the Simplot Micron Instructional Technology Center, Boise, Idaho, Idaho State Library, 2000. 1 videocassette (34.50 minutes).

Brandt, D. Scott. *Teaching technology: a how-to-do-it manual for librarians*. D. Scott Brandt - New York: Neal-Schuman, 2002. ISBN 1555704263

Cox, Richard J. *Vandals in the stacks? : a response to Nicholson Baker's assault on libraries*. Richard J. Cox - Westport, Conn. : Greenwood Press, 2002. ISBN 0313323445

Dean, Edward. *Energy management strategies in public libraries*, written by Edward Dean, contributions and technical review by Arup Group Ltd. Sacramento, Calif. California State Library, Library Development Services Bureau; [Los Angeles, Calif.]: LibrisDesign, 2002. ISBN 1890449199 (pbk)

Driggers, Preston F. (Preston Franklin). *Managing library volunteers : a practical toolkit*. Preston Driggers, Eileen Dumas. Chicago : American Library Association, 2002. ISBN 0838908063 (pbk.)

Farr, Gail E. *Archives & manuscripts*. Exhibits / Gail Farr Casterline - Chicago : Society of American Archivists, 1980 (1998 printing) ISBN 093182818X

Getting libraries the credit they deserve: a festschrift in honor of Marvin H. Scilken. Edited by Loriene Roy, Antony Cherian. Lanham, Md.: Scarecrow Press, 2002. ISBN 0810844559

Kahn, Miriam. *Disaster response and planning for libraries*. Miriam B. Kahn, 2nd edition. Chicago: American Library Association, 2003. ISBN 0838908373

Kister, Kenneth F. *Eric Moon : the life and library times* by Kenneth F. Kister with a foreword by John N. Berry, III. Jefferson, N.C. : McFarland & Co. 2002. ISBN 0786412534

McCracken, Linda D. *The library book cart precision drill team manual*. Linda D. McCracken and Lynne Zeiher. Jefferson, N.C.: McFarland & Co., 2002. ISBN 0786411597

Raabe, Tom. *Biblioholism : the literary addiction /* Tom Raabe, rev. ed., Golden, Colo. : Fulcrum Pub, 2001. ISBN 1555912400 (pbk.)

Rubin, Rhea Joyce. *Planning for library services to people with disabilities*. Rhea Joyce Rubin - Chicago: Association of Specialized and Cooperative Library Agencies, 2001. ISBN 0838981682

Singer, Paula M. Developing a compensation plan for your library. Paula M. Singer - Chicago: American Library Association, 2002.

Virtual reference services [videorecording], what, why & how? Glen Ellyn, Ill. College of DuPage, 2002. 2 videocassettes (2 hrs. each) and 1 disk.

Web of deception: misinformation on the Internet. Edited by Anne P. Mintz - Medford, N.J.: CyberAge Books, 2002. ISBN 0910965609

Ziarnik, Natalie Reif. *School & public libraries : developing the natural alliance*. Natalie Reif Ziarnik - Chicago : American Library Association, 2003. ISBN 0838908411

NEW HAMPSHIRE LIBRARIES' CONFERENCE

by Michael Garneau Manchester City Library

It's never too early to think spring...spring conference, that is!! The 2003 New Hampshire Libraries' Conference will be held at the Center of New Hampshire in Manchester on Tuesday, May 13 and Wednesday, May 14, 2003. Highlights of the conference so far are Patricia Schumann, Coordinator of ALA's Task Force on Pay Equity, as keynote speaker on Tuesday morning and Will Hobbs, well-known young adult author, as one of the luncheon speakers. Program topics include children's reference tools, customer service, book discussion groups, implications of the Patriot Act, school/public library cooperation, 24/7 reference service, Readteens-Creating Readers, school librarian certification and book reviewers of children's and adult books. Other programs and speakers are still in the works. More information will become available in the future.

NATIONAL CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK

Governor Jeanne Shaheen declared the start of Children's Book Week, November 18 - 22, by reading a proclamation and a story to a group of fourth graders from the Reeds Ferry Elementary School, Merrimack, at the N.H. State Library. "Reading is the cornerstone of education," said the Governor, "the love of knowledge, books, and reading...uncovers the intricacies of the greater world and the mysteries of the universe."

The students sat quietly while Governor Shaheen read to them from *G* is for Granite, by New Hampshire Poet Laureate Marie Harris, a newly published book containing a wealth of information about the Granite State.

National Children's Book Week is a time-honored tradition. Celebrated since 1919, it is dedicated to spreading the word about children's literature and encouraging the joys of reading. Sponsored by the Children's Book Council, this year's theme is *Book Time*, reminding both children and the adults who care for them to take time everyday for reading.

ART EXHIBIT AT THE STATE LIBRARY

by Charles Shipman, Reference Librarian

HARD TIMES AND BIG DREAMS: 1935-1942 NEW HAMPSHIRE ARTISTS TELL THE STORY

The N.H. State Library will be mounting an exhibit of artwork by New Hampshire artists who were employed by the Works Progress Administration (WPA) during the Great Depression. The exhibition places artworks done for New Hampshire's visual arts component of the Federal Arts Project, 1935-1942, in historical context. It will combine paintings, woodcuts, and photographs in the State Library Collection with items donated to the New Hampshire Artist Archives, such as a printmaker's table and tools, along with business correspondence and newspaper stories of the time. The three featured artists

Hampshire Arts Association to loan some items to the exhibit, there will also be a display on Omer Lassonde, who directed the Federal program in New Hampshire. The exhibit will run for two months beginning February 20, 2003.

are Herbert Waters, Nathanial Burwash, and Alice Cosgrove. Thanks to the willingness of the New

CENTER FOR THE BOOK COMES TO NEW HAMPSHIRE

The Library of Congress recently announced its acceptance of the N.H. State Library's proposal to establish a Center for the Book in New Hampshire. The national Center for the Book in the Library of Congress was established in 1977 to stimulate public interest in books, reading, and libraries. Individual states started their own centers in 1984; New Hampshire's addition (along with other 2002 new members, New York, Iowa, South Dakota, Rhode Island, and Delaware) fills out the roster at 50 states.

"New Hampshire is proud to join the state center network," said State Librarian Michael York. "Our positive involvement in the Pavilion of States at the 2nd National Book Festival helped us to make the decision to apply." In anticipation of that event, Katie McDonough, Field Services Coordinator for the State Library, compiled and created materials for distribution that demonstrated the range of activities already underway. "When you pull all the information together, you realize the many opportunities available in New Hampshire," said McDonough, "our task is to coordinate and publicize these events for maximum public advantage."

The Center for the Book at the N.H. State Library will serve as an umbrella and clearinghouse for the state's literary community, initially focusing on promising and expanding existing programs. The creation and development of a website is also planned. New project ideas include an interactive version of a *Literary Map of New Hampshire*, a Bookchat Listserv, and a Franco-American Book Festival, to be developed in cooperation with the American-Canadian French Cultural Exchange Commission.

Librarian of Congress James H. Billington said of New Hampshire's addition, "This is a significant achievement to have all 50 states in formal partnership with the Library of Congress in promoting books, reading, and the power of knowledge in a democracy."

For more information contact Katie McDonough, N.H. State Library, Library Development Services Section, 20 Park Street, Concord, N.H. 03301-6314 or by calling 1-800-499-1232 ext. 4; (603) 271-8520; or by e-mail at kmcdonough@library.state.nh.us.

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AWARD ALERT: PUBLIC SERVICE

The Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) is accepting nominations for the 2003 National Awards for Museum and Library Service. The awards are designed to honor the extraordinary public service provided by museums and libraries. Recipients of the award must demonstrate long-term, ongoing commitment to public service through innovative programs and community partnerships.

The principal selection criterion for the National Award for Library Service is the ability to demonstrate a systematic and ongoing commitment to public service through exemplary and innovative programs and community partnerships. Public or private non-profit libraries are eligible for the award. Nominated libraries must be open to the general public for at least 120 days a year. Anyone may submit a nomination, and nominations of libraries of all sizes are encouraged.

See the IMLS website for complete nomination guidelines and to download nomination forms - http://www.imls.gov/whatsnew/current/112102.htm. The deadline for nominations is February 15, 2003.

NEW HAMPSHIRE BOOKS COLUMN

by Eleanor O'Donnell N.H. State Library

Abelson, Norman. RIGHT PLACE, RIGHT TIME. A Kearsarge Mountain Book, Writers Publishing Cooperative. 2002. \$16.95 ISBN 1-930149-09-3

The essays in this memoir pick out different events and people who influenced the author's life and writing. Included are pieces about working in an ice manufacturing plant in his early years; his marriage to Dina, a survivor of Auschwitz; his Jewish heritage; his presence at John F. Kennedy's funeral; his thoughts on civil rights. Abelson, a resident of Concord, N.H., was an Associated Press reporter, press secretary to U.S. Senator Tom McIntyre, and newspaper columnist. He presently conducts workshops on poetry and memoir writing.

Ball, Benjamin L. THREE DAYS ON THE WHITE MOUNTAINS, BEING THE PERILOUS ADVENTURE OF DR. B.L. BALL ON MOUNT WASHINGTON

Equipped with little more than an overcoat, a borrowed hat and umbrella, Dr. Ball survived three days and nights on Mount Washington in winter-like conditions in 1855. Originally published in 1856, this reprint includes an article on his ordeal that first appeared in the December 1931 edition of *Appalachia*.

Bolster, W. Jeffrey. CROSS-GRAINED AND WILY WATERS: A GUIDE TO THE PISCATAQUA MARITIME REGION. Peter E. Randall, Publisher. 2002. \$28.00 ISBN 0-914339-65-6

This interesting and informational guide to the Piscataqua Maritime Region is a blend of natural and human history, architecture, and historic preservation. The illustrations include color plates and a map showing the route of the Piscataqua River.

CURRENTS IV. Seacoast Writers Association, P.O. Box 6553, Portsmouth, N.H. 03802. 2002. \$13.50 ISBN 09722750-1

The fourth collection of award winning poetry, fiction, and essays from the Seacoast Writers Association.

Daly, Steven. DEM LITTLE BUMS: THE STORY OF THEIR VITAL ROLE IN THE RACIAL INTEGRATION OF BASEBALL, AND THEIR RAPID FALL FROM GRACE, 1946-1949. Plaidswede Publishing. 2002. \$14.95 ISBN 0-9626832-4-8

When Don Newcombe and Roy Campanella joined the Nashua Dodgers in 1946, they were among the first African-Americans to play for an affiliated baseball team in the United States. Daly, the assistant sports editor of the *Telegraph of Nashua*, chronicles the rise and fall of the team.

Gange, Jared. HIKER'S GUIDE TO THE MOUNTAINS OF NEW HAMPSHIRE. 2nd ed. Huntington Graphics. 2002. \$14.95 ISBN 10886064-18-0

Updates the 1997 edition. The majority of the hikes in this guide are in the White Mountain National Forest. Includes concise description of each hike, degree of difficulty, maps and photos, information on mountain weather, hypothermia, and overnight facilities.

GUIDE TO WONALANCET AND THE SANDWICH RANGE. Bondcliff Books, P.O. Box 385, Littleton, N.H. 03561. 2002. \$11.95

Originally published by the Wonalancet Outdoor Club in 1901, this reprint guide describes early footpaths of the Wonalancet area, many of which are obsolete today. The reader may be surprised at the degree of change in the mountains since that time. Reproductions of two local trail maps are included.

Haedrich, Ken. APPLE PIE PERFECT: 100 DELICIOUS AND DECIDEDLY DIFFERENT RECIPES FOR AMERICA'S FAVORITE PIE. Harvard Common Press. 2002. ISBN 1-55832-224-8

Rumney author and pie maker, Ken Haedrich, provides us with 100 different recipes and tips on how to create perfect apple pies. The color photographs are so mouth-watering!

Harris, Marie. G IS FOR GRANITE: A NEW HAMPSHIRE ALPHABET. Illustrated by Karen Busch Holman. Sleeping Bear Press. 2002. \$17.95 ISBN 1-58536-083-X

New Hampshire poet laureate, Marie Harris, has written a New Hampshire alphabet book in simple rhyme for preschool through second grade. Sidebar expository texts geared for older readers present facts about the history, culture, and landscape of the Granite State. The illustrator, Karen Busch Holman, is a Salisbury resident.

Hilgartner, Beth. CATS IN CYBERSPACE. Meisha Merlin Publishing. 2001. \$14.00 ISBN 1-892065-44-4

What happens when two cats learn to surf the Internet without human supervision? These felines decide to improve their owners' lives (and those of their own) by making a killing on the stock market via cyberspace. This humorous novel by Laconia author, Beth Hilgartner, will keep you turning the pages until you reach the end of the cat and "mouse" story.

Hilliard, Bob. WHEN THE GAME WAS SIMPLE AND THE SONG WAS SWEET: A NEWSPAPERMAN'S STORY REMEMBERED.

Bob Hilliard's career as a newspaperman spanned over 50 years, many of which were spent with the *Union Leader* and the *New Hampshire Sunday News*. Over 44 stories and interviews from the fields of sports and the halls of music are collected in this book, including tales of Bobby Orr, Larry Bird, Ted Williams, Guy Lombardo, Beverly Sills, and Pavorotti.

Homeyer, Henry. NOTES FROM THE GARDEN: REFLECTIONS AND OBSERVATIONS OF AN ORGANIC GARDENER. University Press of New England. 2002. \$24.95 ISBN 1-58465-109-1

This book gives practical advice on how to garden. Arranged by month, it covers a range of topics relevant to the season. Includes interviews with other gardeners. Homeyer is the New Hampshire and Vermont editor of *People, places and plants*, a New England gardening magazine.

Knoblock, Glen A. NEW HAMPSHIRE COVERED BRIDGES. Arcadia. 2002. \$19.99 ISBN 0-7385-1052-1

A photographic study of New Hampshire's covered bridges that date from as far back as 1827. Contains rare photographs of bridges that no longer exist, along with many that still stand today, accompanied by detailed information about their design and construction and the men who built them.

Lucy, Mary K.W., compiler. CEMETERIES AND GRAVEYARDS OF MADISON, NEW HAMPSHIRE. Order from Madison Historical Society, P.O. Box 505, Madison, N.H. 03849. 2002. \$25.00, plus \$5.00 S&H.

Hardcover book includes map, photographs, headstone information, some genealogy information, and indexes.

Paradiso, Tony. THE MANAGEMENT MIND FIELD: AVOIDING THE PITFALLS OF CORPORATE POLITICS. NYK Publishing, P.O. Box 148, Amherst, N.H. 03031. \$19.95 ISBN 0-9717429-3-6

Based on decades of marketing and management experience, the author provides a satirical and penetrating analysis of American business management. Paradiso resides in Amherst, N.H.

Proper, David R. A "KEENE" SENSE OF HISTORY: HISTORICAL SKETCHES OF THE MONADNOCK REGION. Peter E. Randall, Publisher. Order from the Historical Society of Cheshire County, P.O. Box 803, Keene, N.H. 03431. 2002. \$15.00, plus \$2.00 S&H. ISBN 0-9724478-3-0

The author has been writing "Region history" columns in the *Keene Sentinel* for the past 40 years. On the occasion of its 75th anniversary, the Historical Society of Cheshire County has published this compilation of historical sketches which give the reader the "sense" of Keene. Ernest Hebert wrote the foreword.

Treat, William W. AS I WAS SAYING...AN AUTUMNAL ACCOUNTING. Hobblebush Books. 2002. \$24.95 ISBN 0-9636413-6-0

"An eclectic collection of comments, essays, diatribes, steps, and missteps during unguided meanderings through academics, law, politics, banking and diplomacy." This book gives a vivid picture of the life and career of Judge Treat. He is known for his common-sense rulings, his influence in the courts and in politics, his founding of the Bank Meridian in Hampton, N.H., and as American Delegate to the United Nations during the Reagan administration. He resides in Stratham, N.H.

Weeks, Silas B. NEW ENGLAND QUAKER MEETINGHOUSES, PAST AND PRESENT. Friends United Press. 2001. \$18.50 ISBN 0-944350-51-8

Historical facts and anecdotes on 138 New England Quaker meetinghouses, some dating back to the 18th century. There are photographs of each building, date of erection, location, and information on whether the building is still in use as a meetinghouse, plus listing and directions to burial grounds.

Wetherell, W.D., editor. THIS AMERICAN RIVER, FIVE CENTURIES OF WRITINGS ABOUT THE CONNECTICUT. University Press of New England. 2002. \$30.00 ISBN 1584651113

Anthology of writings about the Connecticut River, celebrating 400 years of valley life. Themes include: Early travelers, the Classic guides, and River of War.

Correction to titles listed in previous issues:

Bunker, Dusty. THE TWO-TIMING CORPSE. Mystery and Suspense Press. 2002. \$14.95 ISBN 0-595-21621-8

Second book in the author's Number Mysteries set in rural New Hampshire. Samantha, a numerologist, is hired to investigate the murder of a company owner. His body is found next to some tarot cards. Mystery lovers will enjoy renewing acquaintance with Sam and her family, and trying to solve the murder.

Mathis, Cleopatra. WHAT TO TIP THE BOATMAN. Sheep Meadow Press. 2001. \$16.95 ISBN 1878818910

A narrative collection of poems about mothering a troubled and gifted daughter. Winner of the 2001 Jane Kenyon Award for Outstanding Book of Poetry. The author lives in Hanover, N.H.

NEW HAMPSHIRE HISTORY MUSEUM OFFERS VIEW FROM THE TOP

In partnership with the Mount Washington Observatory, the N.H. Historical Society has opened a mini-exhibition at the Museum of New Hampshire History called *How's the Weather Up There?* The display features a weather balloon and equipment used to measure changes in weather, as well as a computer kiosk giving weather conditions and live images from the summit of Mount Washington. The mini-exhibition, sponsored by Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield in New Hampshire, is on view from November 29, 2002 through March 16, 2003. There is no charge for viewing the display in the main museum lobby. For more information, call (603) 228-6688.

AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION'S: GREAT WEB SITES FOR KIDS

by Gail Shea Grainger, Librarian Chesterfield School

Congratulations! We are happy to announce that the Dewey Browse web site at http://www.deweybrowse.org, has been selected for inclusion in the American Library Association's Great Web Sites for Kids, located at http://www.ala.org/parentspage/greasites/amazing.html.

Great Web Sites for Kids are those considered the best web sites for ages birth to 14, outstanding in both content and conception. As applied to web sites for young people, "great" should be thought to include sites of especially commendable quality; sites that reflect and encourage young people's interests in exemplary ways. The selection criteria can be found at http://www.ala.org/parentspage/greatsites/criteria.html.

During the Great Web Site Committee's quarterly selection process, this site was one of 20 sites selected as a December 2002 Great Web Site for Kids addition.

Congratulations again from all of us on the 2002 Great Web Sites Committee.

LIBRARY HAPPENINGS

LIBRARY RECEIVES LITERCY GRANT

by John Barrett, Director Nesmith Library, Windham reprinted with permission

The Nesmith Library is the recipient of a \$1,000 Literacy Initiative Grant from Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. Wal-Mart's Salem store's Director of Community Involvement, Luanne Nieder-Goodall, Store Manager Rick Case, and District Manager Tim Benard presented the generous monetary gift to Library Trustee Chair Mary Lee Underhill and Library Director John Barrett at an early morning meeting of store employees in October 2002.

Part of the donation will be used to continue the library's partnership with the First Teachers' Project (FTP). Part of the FTP mission is to educate parents about the important role they play in the development of early literacy skills during their child's preschool years. The Nesmith Library offers parents a special collection of resources in the youth services department, and encourages parents to attend programs in areas such as language development and early learning strategies. The library provides literacy kits to promote reading and fun between parents and their children. This fall, Beth Strauss, head of youth services, has organized a Toddlers Story Time.

Funds from the Wal-Mart grant will also be used to add materials to the adult collection for adult new readers and learners of English as a second language. The Rockingham Country Tutorial Program and Literacy Volunteers of America offer local residents the opportunity to help people become literate, the ability to read and write. For more information on how you can help, stop by the library.

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS - From the Nesmith Library, Windham: The N.H. Library Association awarded a \$1,000 scholarship to library associate Yi-Ching Chen for graduate study at the Simmons Graduate School of Information and Library Science; Nesmith Library Director John Barrett, was elected President-Elect of the New England Library Association; Library Trustee Rich Koeck and the library director were guests on the WCTV-21's *Focus on the Issues*, hosted by Darrell Halen. The program will be repeated several times in the coming weeks on the local cable TV station.

IN REMEMBRANCE...MacBeth Bartlett, 89, of the Tilton's Veterans Home, died November 22, 2002 at the Franklin Hospital after a short illness. He was born in Epsom, N.H. and moved to Tilton in 2001. Mr. Bartlett was library mail clerk at the N.H. State Library for over 40 years. He retired in September 1978. He will be missed by family and friends.

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